There is an idea prevalent in many parts of the country that the State of Maryland is generally unhealthy; and indeed for this hypothesis we have the authority of some eminent geographers, but as far as it concerns Baltimore, (at least,) the opinion is certainly very erroneous. We admit that the low, level district which constitutes the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and several other counties which border on the Potomac and Chesapeake, partake of those inconveniences to which all regions, similarly situated, are more or less liable; and we are not prepared to deny that the situation of Baltimore did originally share, in some degree, in the same inconveniences. But even before the hand of art had removed some of the former defects of the location, the site of Baltimore, presenting an undulated surface, was eminently superior in salubrity to the level tracts we have just mentioned. Still, however, in those early periods of our history, there was much room for improvement, and the present race of our citizens will find it difficult to believe in the extent of the alterations which have been made. Those parts of the original town of Baltimore which were immediately adjacent to the water were chiefly of a very marshy nature; and some places indeed were occasionally overflowed by the tide; which could not fail to produce effects very prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants. The ground on which the Centre or Marsh Market now stands, was a mere bog, which extended along the present site of Frederick street as far as Gay street. It is unnecessary to inform the residents of our city that the said bog has entirely disappeared, and that the portion of the City which it formerly occupied is now closely covered with substantial buildings, for which the ingenuity of man has provided a secure foundation. At a much later period than that to which we have just referred, a considerable alteration, (which must materially improve the health of the city,) has taken place in the vicinity of what is called the A large portion of low marshy ground has been City Block. filled up and effectually secured from inundation, so as to present the miasma which must arise from stagnant water and vegetable

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